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"TAXONOMY OF THELYPTERIS SUBGENUS STEIROPTERIS, INCLUDING GLAPHYROPTERIS (PTERIDOPHYTA), by Alan R. Smith, Univ. Calif. Publ. Bot. 76:1-38, t. 1-4. 1980.—Among the large neotropical fern genera, none is more complex than *Thelypteris*. Even though subg. *Steiropteris* is but a small portion of the genus (22 species, some divided into varieties), this monograph is very welcome. Over half the taxa are new species or required a new name or combination, which is a measure of the confusion which the author has resolved. Spores and some details of morphology are illustrated with photographs, and distributions are shown by means of maps. The author has seen many type specimens, and so the synonymies are doubtless accurate. A list of exsiccatae is included but, unfortunately, an index to scientific names is not. The work is available for \$5.00 from University of California Press, 2223 Fulton St., Berkeley, CA 94720.—D.B.L.